PROJECTED WORKS.—In the newspapers of the past week, advertisments were issued for contract-tenders for the whole or any portion of the works necessary to be done in the erection of the Priest's house, Catholic church, Yarmouth; the restoration and reseating of the parish church of Botteesford; the erection of a chapel and school-room at Brentwood; the whole or any portion of the works required in the erection of the south wing of the proposed addition to the Manchester Royal Infirmary; certain works at a house in Bedford; excavating and constructing Southgate-street Dock and works at Gloucester; for the erection of New Kingswood near Bath; of a training school at Carmarthen; the rebuilding of Llandilo Church; the several works to be performed in making a cattle-market at Wolverhampton; the building of 1,155 feet of sewer in Fulham-road; and of 2,125 feet of sewer in Mile-end-road, &c., and arching over 1,059 feet of sewer at Bethnal-green, and 72 feet at St. John's, Wapping; also for the whole works necessary for deepening and improving the drainage of the Pow of Inchaffray, Perthshire, fur nine miles; paving in Holborn, Broad-street, and High-street; also for a supply of road materials for the metropolis roads, and of gravel for the Colchester-road trustees; also of cast-iron pipes, sluice cocks, street watering posts, &c. &c., for the Carlisle Water-works; and for the construction of the works on four miles of the Glasgow and Ardrossan, and of portions of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railways; and 1,000 tons of cast-iron chairs for the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincoln Junction railway; also for the erection of the proposed railway station at Chester.

THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT IPSWICH.—At a meeting of the corporation, to consider a proposal for preserving the old Grammar School, a letter from Sir Francis Palgrave was read: it said, "I do hope that the doom of your refectory may be averted. Such an act of Vandalism would be shameful. This is the *only* specimen in England, and so far as I know in France, of a refectory of the Black Friars' preachers, and as each order of monks and friars had its own scheme, its destruction, so foolish, so needless, will be reprobated." The Town-clerk remarked, it would be presumptuous for him to question the authority of Sir Francis Palgrave; but he had before him documents to show that this building never was the refectory of the Black Friars' preachers—that the refectory stood in the Old Grammar School playground, which was between the Grammar School and Foundation-street. "The late Mr. Kirby published twelve prints of old buildings in Suffolk, and amongst these was a view of Christ's Hospital, in Ipswich. It was well known that this building formed part of the buildings occupied by the Black Friars' preachers, as well as the Upper Foundation. The whole of these premises formed the Monastery of the Black Friars' preachers, and they were purchased by the corporation, and appropriated to various uses." A strong feeling prevailed in favour of restoring the building. The Mayor remarked, and we honour him for the feeling, that he, with many of the older inhabitants of the town, had received the last part of his education in the Old Grammar School, and, with the parties to whom he had alluded, he could not but look with veneration upon an edifice associated as it was with so many early associations and pleasing recollections. He hoped, therefore, that with the few alterations required, the building would be allowed to remain untouched. Mr. J. M. Clark, of Ipswich, has made drawings for the restoration.

COMPETITIONS.—A premium of 100*l.* is offered for the best, and 50*l.* for the second best plan, &c., for the arrangement of the wharf and works, and the construction of the necessary station, custom-house, and hotel accommodation at Newhaven harbour, on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.—The time for receiving designs for the Sheffield Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute building has been extended to the 14th of May next.

THE FRENCH PROTESTANT CHURCH, erected a short time ago in Bloomsbury-street, Holborn, narrowly escaped destruction by fire last week. The joists and floor boards were ignited, through some defects in the hot-air flue; but smoke becoming evident during service, the fire was extinguished without doing much damage.

A BUILDER SHERIFF.—Mr. William Cubitt, of the Gray's-Inn Road, is nominated one of the sheriffs of London for the ensuing year. A better choice, we may venture to say, could scarcely have been made. It seems likely, too, that Mr. Cubitt will be returned to Parliament before long.

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"*A Word in Season.*"—The mere opinions of an anonymous writer are of course worth nothing.

"*A Subscriber.*"—Thanks: we will endeavour to see it.

"*H. M.*"—No.

"*J. S.*"—We are compelled to decline inserting the letter, after due inquiry.

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